

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 54 as follows:

Fig. 20 shows how the recording/reproducing device 400 issues a command to the storage device 200. In Fig. 20, the procedures of writing and reading the license data shown in Figs. 8 to 11 are executed concurrently ~~is written and read simultaneously~~. The storage device 200 identifies various commands issued ~~sequentially~~ simultaneously using the sequence ID while checking appropriately the sequence of the commands to put forward with the process.

Please amend the last paragraph on page 54 as follows:

Fig. ~~21~~ 20 shows the internal configuration of a recording device 100 according to third embodiment. This embodiment realizes the recording device 100 of the first embodiment as a distribution server 150 for distributing contents and a terminal device 160 for receiving contents. The distribution server 150 includes a cryptographic engine 103, a communications device 152, a content database 153, a license database 154, a user database 155, and a controller 151 for providing control to these components, and a data bus 156 for electrically connecting these components. The terminal device 160 includes a controller 101, a storage interface 102, a communications device 162, and data bus 166 for electrically connecting these components. The distribution server 150 and the terminal device 160 are connected to each other via the communications devices 152 and 162, respectively, over the Internet 20, an example of a

network. The cryptographic engine 103 of the distribution server 150 has the same function as that of the cryptographic engine 103 of first embodiment. The controller 101 and the storage interface 102 of the terminal device 160 have the same functions as those of the controller 101 and the storage interface 102 of the first embodiment, respectively.